

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to amendment filed on 9/24/08.
2. Claim 15 has been amended, no new claims have been added and claims 12, 16-19, 29 and 36 have been cancelled.
3. Thus, claims 1-11, 13-15, 20-28, 30-35 and 37-38 are pending.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary Pitzer on 10/31/08.

In The Claims:

Claim 1, Line 5: Insert ~~the~~ before "samples of the"

Claim 1, Line 6: Insert ~~the~~ before "different time instances"

Claim 5, Line 2: Insert ~~second~~ before "clock signal"

Claim 6, Line 1: Insert ~~second~~ before "clock signal"

Claim 7, Line 5: Insert ~~second~~ before "clock signal"

Claim 15, Line 11: Insert ~~the~~ before "output samples"

Claim 15, Line 12: Insert ~~the~~ before "different time instances"

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Claim 15, Line 13: change “each respective delay element” to --each of the respective delay elements—

Claim 24, Line 4: Insert –the—before “different time instances”

Claim 25, Line 4: delete –and—after “known amounts of time;”

Claim 25, Line 6: Insert –the—before “signal state”

Claim 25, Line 6: Insert –the—before “time instances”

Claim 27, Line 1: change “claim 25” to –claim 26— after “The system of”

Examiner and representative agreed that the limitations “the storage element” recited in line 3 of claim 8 and line 4 of claim 22 refer to one of “plurality of storage elements” recited in line 2 of claim 2 and line 2 of claim 15 respectively.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FAHMIDA RAHMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8159. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 -6:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Thomas Lee can be reached on 571-272-3667. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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